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DIARY NOTES

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25 February 1964

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

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a. General Carter announced that due to Mr. McNamara's trip to Saigon the [REDACTED] Station Chiefs' Conference had been postponed, possibly until April.

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b. The Director again expressed his strong interest in evacuating dependents from Saigon and referred particularly (for the second time) to [REDACTED] and his eight children.

c. While I did not understand the full significance of the discussion, I gathered that the entire NRO organization and charter are being re-worked.

d. The Director expressed his concern about East Africa and said that he thought the United States should not get out in the lead in Africa but should let other friendly countries, [REDACTED] take the lead with our assistance.

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2. Bob Bannerman reported that fifty parking tickets have been issued to date. Forty-one of the individuals involved have forfeited collateral, and nine will have hearings this afternoon.

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3. Jim Garrison reported that according to [REDACTED], who is in [REDACTED] in awarding a contract for our [REDACTED] housing, the bids for the twenty houses alone came to approximately \$480,000. These bids are too high. The contractors had two general arguments for the high bids they submitted: (1) telescoped construction time, and (2) the chance of civil disturbances in [REDACTED] which would make it impossible for them to hire the necessary labor force to complete the job on time. I repeated to Jim that I was not willing to pay a very high premium for time and emphasized that if at all possible we must find some way to get twenty houses and fifteen BOQ's for not to exceed \$600,000. (On 26 February I again discussed this with Jim and reiterated my position. I did say, however, that we might agree to spend \$625,000 or \$630,000 if the package includes a house for the Chief of Station.)

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4. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. The surfacing of OXCART was discussed. Bud Wheelon was assigned the responsibility for ensuring proper coordination within the Agency. As I understood it, the project will probably be surfaced at the President's press conference on Saturday morning, 29 February. (I alerted Bob Bannerman.)

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b. I learned that [REDACTED] had been booted upstairs and that DD/I and DD/P have a new set of people to deal with [REDACTED]. (I want to follow up on this to see where [REDACTED] has gone and what effect if any this change might have on CAT's relationship [REDACTED])

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5. I advised Ray Cline that the Executive Pay Scale position for the Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence remains unchanged. I said, however, that I thought there was no point in taking any action on Jack Smith now because if he were put in this position, his salary would not be increased; and, when the new pay bill is passed by Congress, all such positions will have to be approved by the White House anyway.

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